## Christian Giron-Michel

My name is Christian Giron—I was raised in Santa Clarita, CA, in the northern outskirts of the LA area. My non-technical interests include behavioral science and conflict history (war trivia). My favorite hobbies are PC gaming, Nintendo gaming, going to the park, and casual sports (especially basketball and table tennis).



Throughout my life, I've always had friends interested in coding and in the broader tech industry. Even though my strongest subject was and still is math, I found myself doing mainly engineering extracurriculars—for example, joining my high school robotics team and teaching myself Java, SQL, and Python for both independent and robotics-related projects. By the time I began contemplating my future major, I was certain I wanted to apply to engineering schools, but I also knew I wanted a career that would take advantage of my affinity for math, while giving me the flexibility to pursue hardware and software opportunities—my research inevitably led me to electrical engineering, and I plan to use my time at UCLA to more concretely determine where I want my career to land on the hardware-software spectrum. My current areas of interest span embedded systems, signal processing, and machine learning.

While my time at UCLA has been limited thus far, I've been able to join IEEE's Micromouse project, Bruin Racing's SMV Electrical team, ACM's new Cloud program, and the Society of Latinx Engineers and Scientists (SOLES). Within SOLES, I'm part of the SOLES intern program and the newer SOLES.AI team. The clubs I have joined have shown me a wide array of ECE applications and have allowed me to meet a diverse set of UCLA engineering students.